

SPECIAL USE CONDITIONS and REGULATIONS
GUIDE FISHING
Incidental Business Permit

Canaveral National Seashore and Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge

The following documentation and equipment is required to be on board all commercial vessels carrying six passengers or less for hire and involved in commercial fishing within Canaveral National Seashore and Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge.

1. Original valid state commercial registration, along with the sticker permanently displayed on the port bow of the vessel.
2. The captain of the vessel must possess his/her personal valid Canaveral National Seashore/Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge Guide Permit.
3. State registration in three-inch high block characters permanently displayed on each side of the forward half of the vessel.
4. Valid Canaveral National Seashore/Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge Fishing Guide sticker permanently displayed on the port bow of the vessel.
5. Florida Saltwater "Guide Boat Fishing License".
6. United States Coast Guard Captains License.
7. If the captain or passengers on board the boat wish to keep Snook, the captain must possess a Snook Stamp. This stamp will cover each person possessing legal Snook.
8. One type 1 Personal Floatation Device (PFD) for each person and one type IV (throw) floatation device on board the vessel. Each PFD must be outfitted with at least 200 square centimeters of retroreflective tape (46 CFR 25.25-13).
9. Visual distress signals pursuant to 33 CFR 175.110. Law requires one day and one night signal if using non-pyrotechnic devices, or three-day and three night signals if using pyrotechnic devices. Certain pyrotechnic devices qualify for day and night use.
10. One type B-1 fire extinguisher is required to be on board.
11. A whistle, horn, or other means of producing a loud, mechanical or pneumatic sound.
12. An operable VHF radio or cell phone.
13. Public access from SR 3 (Kennedy Parkway) is limited to designated and/or posted routes and launch areas.

14. Eddy Creek “trout hole”, Patillo Creek in Indian River (the mounds), and KARS Marina in Banana River are closed to commercial fishing operations from December 15th through March 31st annually. Commercial fishing is not allowed inside refuge impoundments.
15. Boat launching on the refuge between sunset and sunrise is permitted only at Bairs Cove launch area at Haulover Canal and Beacon 42 Fish Camp (off SR 3, northeast of Haulover Canal).
16. Air thrust oats and personal watercraft (jet skis) are prohibited in all refuge waters.
17. Boat speeds are restricted to “Idle Speed” in Bairs Cove and KARS Marina and “Slow Speed/Minimum Wake” in Haulover Canal. There is a heavy use by the endangered West Indian Manatee in these areas. Please watch for manatees in other refuge waters as well.
18. NO MOTOR ZONE- The northern end of Banana River (delineated on map) is closed to all motorized boats including any boat having an attached motor, or an unattached motor that is capable of use. This includes all outboard, inboard, and electric trolling motors.
19. Firearms and open fires are prohibited in the seashore and refuge.

Signature_____

Date_____